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Sir:

The Undersigned hereby states that both the instant application, U.S. Application Serial No. 10/085,704 and U.S. Patent No. 6,464,633 to Hosada, et al. were, at the time the invention of the instant application was made, owned by or subject to an obligation of assignment to Olympus Optical Co. Ltd.

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